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1. COPIES OF MEMORANDA AND PRESS ARTICLES CONCERNING THE OIL REFINERY PROJECT (SEE REFTELS A, B, C), THE SAN FU PROJECT (REFTEL A), AND THE HOTEL PROJECTS ARE BEING POUCHED TO EA/ROC. COMMENTS ON THESE AND OTHER ROBERT B. ANDERSON PROJECTS FOLLOW.

2. OIL REFINERY PROJECT: AFTER ANDERSON'S DEPARTURE FROM TAIWAN ON JUNE 26, EMBOFF INFORMED CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CPC) PRESIDENT LEE TA-HAI THAT THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENTS TO THE EXPORT OF "RESID" FROM THE U.S. TO THE ROC (AS INDICATED IN REFTEL B), ALTHOUGH SUCH EXPORTS COULD NOT BE RULED OUT. IN REPLY, LEE STATED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH ANDERSON AND HIS ASSOCIATES WERE "VERY MUCH IN THE PRELIMINARY STAGES." HE NOTED THAT CPC WAS ALSO ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ANOTHER COMPANY, REFERRED TO BY LEE AS "HAWAII INDEPENDENT," WHICH ALREADY  
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HAS A REFINERY IN HAWAII. ACCORDING TO LEE, HAWAII INDEPENDENT HAS PROPOSED A JOINT VENTURE WITH CPC IN AN EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING REFINERY. LEE STATED THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE CONCERNING CPC PARTICIPATION IN EITHER JOINT VENTURE.

3. SANFU PROJECT: ANDERSON INDICATED THAT A TWO-STROKE

ENGINE FOR THE SANFU VAN IS NOW PRODUCED IN TAIWAN UNDER LICENSE FROM JAPAN'S FUJI COMPANY, AND THAT FUJI WOULD NOT ALLOW EXPORTS OF THE ENGINE FROM TAIWAN. ACCORDINGLY, SANFU IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO DESIGN AN ENGINE OF ITS OWN, OR TO ADOPT A LOCALLY MADE FOUR-STROKE ENGINE FOR THE VANS IT HOPES TO EXPORT. THESE VANS WILL BE PRODUCED IN A NEW SANFU PLANT NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR TAICHUNG. ANDERSON SAID THAT EPA EMISSION STANDARDS WOULD ALSO BE A PROBLEM FACING EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. NO VANS HAVE BEEN EXPORTED FROM TAIWAN YET, ALTHOUGH SANFU HAS "MORE ORDERS THAN IT CAN HANDLE," ACCORDING TO ANDERSON. HE ALSO STATED THAT FIAT HAD ORDERED 3,000 VANS FOR SHIPMENT TO FRANCE.

4. HOTEL PROJECT: FOR SEVERAL YEARS, ANDERSON HAS TRIED TO CONSTRUCT AN INTERNATIONAL CLASS HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN TAIPEI. ANDERSON'S ASSOCIATES LEASED A PARCEL OF LAND FROM THE CITY OF TAIPEI THREE YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO ANDERSON, THE CITY HAS NOT YET AFFECTED NECESSARY CHANGES IN ITS ZONING LAWS, AND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REMOVE ABOUT 40 DWELLINGS STILL STANDING ON THE LEASEHOLD. ANDERSON TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE NOW HAS ABOUT US\$3 MILLION INVESTED IN THIS PROJECT. ANDERSON HAS REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF NEW TAIPEI MAYOR LI TENG-HUI. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO DISCUSSED ANDERSON'S PROJECT WITH MAYOR LEE. ACCORDING TO RUCHIN TSAR, A TAIPEI ATTORNEY WHO IS REPRESENTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MR. ANDERSON IN THIS MATTER, THE PROJECT NOW AWAITS APPROVAL BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. THE TAIPEI CITY GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY APPROVED RECLASSIFYING THE HOTEL SITE AS A "COMMERCIAL" ZONE, AND THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR NOW MUST APPROVE THE CITY'S ACTION. IN ADDITION, THE MINISTRY MUST ALSO APPROVE THE SALE OF ANOTHER PLOT OF LAND (TO BE USED AS A DRIVEWAY AND PLAZA IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL), NOW OWNED IN PART BY THE CITY, TO ANDERSON'S COMPANY. AFTER MINISTRY APPROVAL IS GIVEN FOR BOTH THE HOTEL AND THE PLAZA SITES, ANDERSON'S COMPANY AND THE CITY WILL PAY THE PRESENT INHABITANTS OF THE BOTH SITES A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO ENSURE THEIR DEPARTURE.

5. SPARE PARTS PROJECT: ANDERSON BROUGHT WITH HIM SAMPLES OF SPARE PARTS FOR U.S. AUTOMOBILES. HE INDICATED THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE TALKING TO LOCAL SPARE PARTS MANUFACTURERS, WITH A VIEW TOWARDS PRODUCTION OF PARTS FOR EXPORT TO THE U.S. THIS IS A NEW VENTURE FOR ANDERSON IN THE ROC.

6. WINE: ANDERSON ALSO INDICATED THAT SOME OF HIS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE TALKING TO THE TOBACCO AND WINE

MONOPOLY HERE ABOUT IMPORTING WINE FROM THE U.S. THIS  
ALSO WOULD BE A NEW VENTURE.

7. EMBASSY WILL STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH CPC OFFICIALS,  
AND WILL REPORT PROGRESS OF OIL REFINERY AND OTHER  
PROJECTS. UNGER

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